

May Thompson Booth, 84 ✓

IRWIN – May Thompson Booth, the daughter of Albert and Karen (Carrie) Ash Thompson was born Dec. 2, 1905, on the family farm four miles east of Irwin. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Dec. 21, 1989, at age 84 years and 19 days. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Danway. She attended school in Irwin where she graduated in 1922. She later attended summer school classes offered by Drake University Extension in Atlantic.

April 12, 1925, she married in Des Moines to John Hoyt "Jack" Booth of Harlan. Two daughters were born to this union. After they were married, they made their home in Des Moines, where he worked for Mid-Continent Oil and she worked as a cosmetic consultant at Younkers. After she worked at Younkers for nine years, she retired to raise her family. In 1937, they moved to Sioux City, where they lived until 1940. They then moved to Waterloo, where they lived for 28 years. He retired in 1965 and they moved back to Irwin in 1966. After he died Feb. 16, 1971, she lived with her daughter, Karen and son-in-law Robert in Edina, MN., and later in Denver, CO. March 4, 1985, she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. This has been her home since that time.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, was active in St. Mark's Episcopal Church while in Waterloo, and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Tobias and Danley and two sisters, Clara Halverson and infant Alice. She is survived by her two daughters, Nancy Hagstrom of Evanston, IL., and Karen Gwaltney of Denver, CO.; two grandchildren; one sister, Alice Gibson of Newton; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were Dec. 24, 1989 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin with Rev. Douglas L. Mathison, officiating. Burial was in Danway cemetery with Jason Osten, Dan Thompson, Susan Hagstrom, Allan Thompson, Bruce Hagstrom and Craig Thompson serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.